

What is claimed is:

1. A method of entering an authorization code into a chip
5 card terminal, the method comprising the steps of:

entering the authorization code into a chip card;

10 storing the authorization code in a memory location of
the chip card; and

15 changing a state of the chip card from a first state to a
second state to enable transmission of the authorization
code from the memory location to the chip card terminal
when the chip card is coupled to the chip card terminal
within a pre-defined period of time and resetting the
state from the second to the first state.

2. The method of claim of 1, further comprising verifying
20 the authorization code, and changing the state of the
chip card from the first state to the second state only
in the case of a successful verification of the
authorization code.

25 3. The method of claim 1, whereby the authorization code is
an authentication code, a personal identification number,
a transaction number, or an access code.

4. The method of claim 1, whereby an aural, visual or haptic signal is outputted when the state is changed from the first state to the second state.
5. The method of claim 4, whereby the signal is switched off after the pre-defined period of time or after transmission of the authorization code to the terminal.
6. The method of claim 1, further comprising maintaining the second state only if a user continuously performs a predetermined input action during the pre-defined period of time.
7. The method of claim 1, further comprising entering an amount or a transaction code into the chip card, and transmitting the amount or the code to the terminal when the authorization code is transmitted to the terminal.
8. The method of claim 1, further comprising erasing the authorization code from the memory location if an unsecure situation is detected during the pre-defined period of time.
9. A chip card for enabling a transaction, the chip card comprising:

means for entering an authorization code;

means for storing the authorization code on the chip card; and

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means for changing a state of the chip card from a first state to a second state to enable transmission of the authorization code to a chip card terminal when the chip card is coupled to the chip card terminal within a pre-defined period of time and for resetting the state from the second to the first state.

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10. The chip card of claim 9 further comprising means for 15 verification of the authorization code.

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11. The chip card of claim 9, further comprising means for outputting an aural, visual or haptic signal when the state is changed from the first state to the second state.

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12. The chip card of claim 11, further comprising means for switching off the signal after the pre-defined period of time.

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13. The chip card of claim 9, further comprising means for maintaining the second state only if a user continuously

performs a predetermined input action during the pre-defined period of time.

14. The chip card of claim 9, further comprising means for
5 detecting an unsecure situation and erasing the authorization code from the memory location, if an unsecure situation is detected.

15. The chip card of claim 14, wherein the means for
10 detecting an unsecure situation comprises a bending or flexural sensor or switch.

15. A computer program product, stored on a digital storage medium, for entering of an authorization code into a chip card terminal, comprising program means for performing
15 the steps of:

20 entering the authorization code into a chip card;

20 storing the authorization code in a memory location of the chip card; and

25 changing a state of the chip card from a first state to a second state to enable transmission of the authorization code from the memory location to the chip card terminal when the chip card is coupled to the chip card terminal within a pre-defined period of time and resetting the state from the second to the first state.